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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael MACH et al.

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For: STRUCTURAL PHOSPHOPROTEIN

(PP28) OF HUMAN

CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (HCMV), THE PREPARATION AND USE

THEREOF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants submit the following amendment to the claims prior to the examination of the instant application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-4 and 6.

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 5, line 2, delete "3", and insert therefor --17--.

7. (Amended) A method for the preparation of pp28 or of an immunogenic [parts] part thereof, which comprises [bringing about the expression] expressing, in whole or in part, [of] the gene which codes for pp28 as claimed in claim [1] 17.

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